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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1, 2 and 17), without traverse.

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